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SUBJECT: PRG ISSUE AT LOW CONFERENCE

REF: A. LISBON B. STATE 8673

WE

1. WE APPRECIATE REPORT REFTEL A. WE WOULD POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT GOP'S CONCERN ABOUT PREJUDICING ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN PORTUGUESE COLONIES OVER PRG ISSUE IS UNFOUNDED. FIRST, AS NOTED IN PARA 51 REFTEL B., ALL AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY OAU, WHICH
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WOULD INCLUDE THOSE IN PORTUGUESE COLONIES, HAVE BEEN ALREADY

INVITED BY CONFERENCE IN 1974 TO "PARTICIPATE FULLY"(BUT WITHOUT VOTE). ALSO GUINEA BISSAU WAS ADMITTED WITH VOTING

RIGHTS DURING SAME FIRST SESSION OF CONFERENCE.

2. SECOND, PRG DOES NOT REGARD ITSELF AS A LIBERATION MOVEMENT NOR HAS IT APPLIED FOR ADDMISSION ON THAT BASIS. RATHER IT HAS SOUGHT ENTRY AS A GOVERNMENT OF A STATE (I.E. SOUTH VIET NAM). THIRD, GOP CAN AVOID POLITICAL ISSUE POSED BY VOTE ON SUBSTANCE BY SUPPORTING US ON PROCEDURAL QUESTION REGARDING APPLICABILITY OF CONFERENCE RULE 32(SEE PARAS 6-8 REFTEL B.). SUCH A VOTE CAN EASILY BE DEFENDED

ON SOLID PARLIAMENTARY GROUNDS.

3. SUGGEST YOU INCLUDE ABOVE POINTS DURING YOUR APPROACH MORNING FEBRUARY 3, PER INSTRUCTIONS SEPTTEL. KISSINGER

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